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SUBJECT: SOMALI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN

REF: STATE 060457

1. I PRESENTED MESSAGE TODAY AT 1300 GMT IN FORM OF AIDE MEMOIRE
TO AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER BERHANE DERESSE WHO ASSURED ME THAT
HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY DELIVER MESSAGE TO FONMIN (WHO HAD
JUST RETURNED ADDIS MORNING MAR 9 FROM BERLIN AND HAD NOT AS
YET COME TO OFFICE) AND HIGHER LEVELS, I.E. DIRG. BERHANE CHAR-
ACTERIZED HIS INITIAL REACTION TO PRESENTATION AS PERSONAL
PERCEPTION OF WHAT OFFICIAL ETHIOPIAN ATTITUDES WILL BE,

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BUT ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT COMMENT SPECIFICALLY ON SUBSTANCE
OF POINTS RAISED. HE SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE APPROPRIATE IF
PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS COULD HAVE COME EARLIER, I.E. 6-7 MONTHS AGO
WHEN ETHIOPIA WAS FIRST INVADED, AND THUS COULD HAVE POSSIBLY
SAVED MANY LIVES. NOW THAT SOMALIS WERE BEING FORCED TO LEAVE
ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY, BERHANE THOUGHT IT WAS IRONIC THAT THOSE
WHO DID NOT DEMONSTRATE ANY PARTICULAR CONCERN FOR THE OGADENI

PEOPLES WHEN THEY WERE BEING KILLED AND THEIR PROPERTY WAS BEING DESTROYED DURING FIRST PHASE OF CONFLICT, WERE NOW VOICING SUCH DEEP CONCERN. BERHANE SAID HE DID NOT DOUBT THE SINCERITY OF PRESIDENT CARTER BUT HE THOUGHT THAT POSSIBILITY OF ANY ARMING OF SOMALIA DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH US DESIRE FOR PEACE IN THE AREA. HE URGED US TO RESTRICT ANY ASSISTANCE IT MIGHT PROVIDE TO SOMALIA TO PURELY ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN AREAS. AFTER PROVIDING ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR ALL POINTS IN MESSAGE, I ASKED BERHANE TO CONVEY TO HIS GOVERNMENT USG HOPES THAT THEY WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AT HIGHEST LEVELS. BERHANE ASSURED ME THAT THIS WOULD BE CASE AND THAT FONMIN WOULD GIVE APPROPRIATE ANSWER TO THOSE POINTS RAISED AT PROPER TIME.

2. COMMENT: I BELIEVE BERHANE ACCURATELY PREDICTED ATTITUDES WITHIN HIGHEST LEVELS OF EPMG. FULLER DETAILS OF CONVERSATION AND BERHANE'S COMMENTS TO FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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